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- We agree that UNAMIR should withdraw its troops.
 - o The deteriorating security situation makes it impossible for UNAMIR to fulfill its mission. The Belgians intend to withdraw their troops and the other contingents are unlikely to stay if the Belgians leave.
 - o Under these circumstances, we support a rapid but orderly withdrawal of UNAMIR forces, provided the security situation of Rwandan nationals currently under direct UNAMIR protection is successfully resolved.
- We do not believe that a decision to terminate the mandate is necessary. Rather, we should suspend the operation.
 - o The current situation will likely end in a military stalemate or a tenuous RPF military victory in which the Tutsi-dominated rebels would be unable to control the overwhelmingly Hutu population.
 - o In either case, some form of powersharing would be required, which means that the basic tenets of the Arusha process are still valid and can form the basis for an eventual political settlement.
 - o Termination of UNAMIR's mandate at this time would send the wrong political signal to the parties by suggesting that we believe the Arusha process is dead.
 - o The votes for terminating the mandate are not there. Most Security Council members prefer at least a skeletal presence.
- The fact that we are withdrawing UNAMIR should not be allowed to be interpreted to mean that the international community is "writing off" Rwanda. We feel that the UN should remain politically engaged in Rwanda (if security permits), in order to facilitate the peace process.

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(If raised:)

-- We do not believe that UNOMUR (the 81-man Uganda/Rwanda border force) should be withdrawn or terminated.

- o UNOMUR is in Uganda and is not under any physical threat. It is still able to fulfill its mandate.
- o With the RPF on a military offensive, UNOMUR's monitoring of the border to inhibit resupply from Uganda becomes all the more important.
- o If we withdraw the border force in the midst of the RPF offensive, we will be sending a very dangerous signal that we accept the RPF's military victory/domination of the country.

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